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Kaniohale Community Association Approves Merger

The Kaniohale Community Association by over the two thirds membership votes approved the measure to join the "Villages of La'i'opua— master Association and unify the homestead villages under the banner.

The Villages of La'i'opua (formally known as Kaniohale) now comprised of Village 3, 4, 5, 1, & 2. Other Villages will eventually join the current association when they are constructed and dedicated to the master association.

The KCA membership

voted unanimously to join the master association with 98% of the total votes received being in favor of the merger. . While it took several years, multiple community meetings and discussions, the Board wishes to thank all of the members who participated in this process.

Director of Hawaiian Affairs Committee- Bo Kahui notes that the unification of our Villages empowers our community under one banner.

ner to have a singular and powerful voice in government and community affairs.

VOL- President Dora Aio-Leamons indicated that if "we didn't come together as one, then it would have been more difficult to move on community concerns that impact each of us. Now under the Villages of La'i'opua, we can have a strong voice as one "Ohana". We thank all lessees who participated and supported the Board.

County Approves L2020 Plan

On March 12, 2012, the County of Hawaii Planning Division approved La'i'opua 2020's Community Center and Medical Clinic— phased one plan approval. This County of Hawaii Plan approval sets stage for La'i'opua 2020 to begin the permit process and construction for grubbing & grading of phase one.

The plan approval of phase one encompasses the civil work to include the installation of the facilities utilities', such as water, electric, data, sewer, etc...

La'i'opua 2020 has submitted a \$5M Capital Improvement Project grant request to the State of Hawaii. WHCHC submitted a \$5M "new facilities" grant request to Health Resource Service Admin-

istration., If La'i'opua 2020 and West Hawaii Community Health center is successful in its combined \$10M grant initiative, both La'i'opua 2020 and the WHCHC will initiate the civil construction and vertical construction of the medical clinic.

L2020 Executive Director Bo Kahui notes "we are seeking every opportunity to apply for funding sources to begin the construction of our planned medical clinic facility and initial phased construction of our community center." The plan approval helps us leverage our shovel readiness to better position ourselves for funding opportunities. Most important, the County plan approval demonstrates our commitment to this project and our community.

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WHCHC & L2020 goes to DC to Seek Funding Support



L-R, Richard Taffte, ED WHCHC, Ms Yvonne Gilbert, BOD WHCHC, Councilman Hoffman, L2020 BOD Michael Matsukawa, Sen. Inouye, L2020 Executive Director Bo Kahui

West Hawaii Community Health Center delegates and La'i'opua 2020 Executive Director Bo Kahui and L2020 Director Michael Matsukawa travel to Washington DC to update our Congressional delegation regarding the medical clinic and community center development plans slated for construction sometime the end of 2013.

The Kona delegation met with Sen. Inouye, Sen. Akaka.

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono and briefed their staff on the status of the community center development to include the community center and medical clinic facilities design and current planning stages.

La'i'opua 2020 Executive Director Bo Kahui emphasized the recent County of Hawaii– Plan Application approval which enable La'i'opua 2020 & WHCHC to initiate the grubbing & grading permits for the civil construction and installation of the utilities for the site.

In addition, L2020 & WHCHC sought the support of the congressional delegation regarding its \$5M HRSA federal grant submitted jointly for the construction of the medical building.

“The WHIAAPI initiative focuses on crosscutting priority areas that may reach across all issue areas and agencies, including, for example, advancing research, data collection, analysis and dissemination for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, while ensuring access, especially linguistic access and cultural competence, for AAPI's and by encouraging AAPI involvement in public service and civic engagement opportunities.”

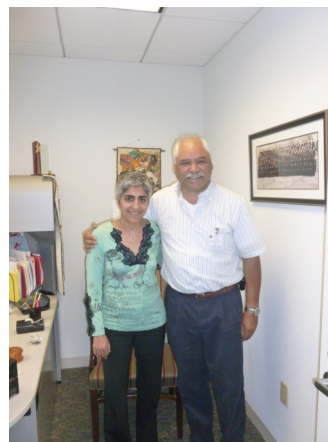
Karin Ajuha helps L2020 & WHCHC

White House Initiative on Asian and Pacific Islanders (WHIAPI) Executive Director -Karin Ajuha met with L2020 Executive Director Bo Kahui to review the La'i'opua Community center development plan update .

Ms. Ajuha was appointed by President Obama to assist Asians & Pacific Islanders— native Hawaiians, “to improve the quality of life and opportunities for AAPI's—native Hawaiians by facilitating increased access to and

participation in federal programs where they remain underserved.”.

Ms. Ajuha assisted by providing Mr. Kahui with the Association of Asian & Pacific Islands Community Health Center Organizations (AAPCHCO.) and National Asian Pacific Community Health Center Association. Kahui had the opportunity to meet with several individuals and organizations that have experienced the same concerns we in Kona are experiencing regarding Health care.



Akaka meets with Group

Senator Akaka on his last remaining days in office took the time to meet with WHCHC & L2020. Sen. Akaka acknowledged La'i'opua 2020 for their continued commitment to plan for the medical facility and community center development plan.

The group met with Sen. Akaka in the Hart Building- Indians Affairs Committee conference room. The conference room was rich in historical Native American art, and high ceilings. Sen.

Akaka entered the room and took the time to walk to each person around the long conference table to individually meet , greet, and welcome each and every person.

La'i'opua 2020 & WHCHC sought Sen. Akaka's support for the \$5.M HRSA grant proposal . On May 1, 2012 HRSA approved our grant, and we are especially thankful for the support of our congressional delegation...Mahalo



WHCHC & La'i'opua 2020 receives \$5.M

The combined effort of the West Hawaii Community Health Center and La'i'opua 2020 made this grant possible. Many long hours and dedication with Gail Hunt, Richard Taffee , Armin Guenther, and Bo Kahui made this proposal a huge success.

On May 1, 2012, Sen. Inouye announced that West Hawaii Community Health Clinic (WHCHC) and La'i'opua 2020 received a \$5.M grant for the construction of the medical clinic slated for construction at the planned community center development adjacent to the Kealakehe High School south boundary.

WHCHC is the recipient of the \$5.M Health Resource Service Administration Grant to be use for the “vertical construction of the medical clinic building, Sandwich Isle Development

(SID) and partner Arcadia design is contracted to design the medical facility.

WHCHC Project manager Armin Guenther helped accelerate the design to initiate the County Plan approval. Mr. Guenther was instrumental in assisting the architects– Arcadia Design in completing the schematic design to further the design process and seek County approval..

The schematic design focused on the clinic’s priority to deliver dental and family health

services. According to WHCHC– Executive Director Richard Taaffe, dental services is a priority due to the lack of services for individuals who cannot afford dental care. The dental facility will help address this need to meet these demand. These family health services will also be a part of the first phase construction.

L2020 is seeking volunteers to help with the project and raise the funds to build our facilities.

Call L2020 at 327-1221 for more information.

“We are very fortunate to receive this grant as it allows L2020 to continue the planning process for the initial construction of our community center and gathering place”... Bo Kahui

L2020 receives \$400K State Grant

La'i'opua 2020 applied for a 2012 State Grant In Aid (GIA) for \$4.8M for the construction of the community center infrastructure.

While ambitious, the State GIA was supported by our State Senator Josh Green and district Rep Denny Coffman. On March 14, 2012, Bo Kahui, Richard Taaffe and Armin Guenther traveled to Honolulu to meet with our Big Island

Caucus comprised of the Hawaii Island Representatives to discuss the need for the \$4.8 million.

The \$4.8M State GIA request was marked for the construction of the infrastructure installation of the on-off site water, electrical, cable roads, light poles and sidewalks, etc....As in the past, the State Legislature had to make diffi-

cult decisions as to which projects to approve that have the most impact. La'i'opua 2020 Staff and Board demonstrated that the community project was “shovel ready” and L2020 is prepared to start the construction for the first phase construction to include the grubbing and grading for the site preparation of the installation of the internal roads, water, electrical, data & cable. L2020 hopes to break ground Fall 2012.

Anekeohokalole Hwy to Open in June

The Ane Keohokalole Hwy will be opening soon as Nan Inc. and its construction workers complete the sidewalks, dry-well drainage, fire retention basins, signage, and paint striping of the road.

County of Hawaii Executive Director - Bobby Command notes the highway will open in late June, next month. The road opening will include the entire length of the new highway from Palani to Hinalani., says Command

Mahalo From the “Village of La'i'opua”



"Self help program & building your own home with the help of your community and friends make it a special place to live".....Bo Kahui

The blitz build will be historic and provide affordable home ownership a reality....

Check out the Summer Program insert. Call today to reserve your space for computer learning skills at every level...

Kume Keala, Left & Haumana, Right

Habitat & Blitz Build at La'i'opua

Coffee shacks and sub-standard housing are prevalent in the many communities we serve in West Hawaii. Habitat for Humanity West Hawaii has set the standard for creating a healthy community by building new homes for one family at a time. This is about to change as we embark on an ambitious "Blitz Build" of **5 new homes in 10 days** in the Department of Hawaiian Home Land's La'i 'Ōpua subdivision in Kona. Each year, the Home Blitz Builders organiza-

tion participates by sending up to 75 of their members to work side by side with local volunteers, partner families and committed sponsors. Habitat West Hawaii will partner with Home Blitz Builders, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to build **5 homes in 10 days** in La'i 'Ōpua across from Kealekehe High School in Kailua-Kona. The build will start on **September 12** and finish on **September 22**.

We invite you to work and partner with us to ensure that all people have decent and affordable housing. Your partnership with us will help native Hawaiian homesteaders and address the problem of affordable housing in our community.

For more information, contact us Habitat for Humanity West Hawaii at (808)331-8010 or habitatwesthawaii.org. Mahalo for your support and kokua!

Kau i Ka Malie Center Opens

The Kau I Ka Malie (KIKM) Multimedia learning Center is opened for business.

The KIKM center opened in January 2012 with a blessing conducted by La'i'opua homestead resident Kumu Keala Ching.

The facility is open to the community providing a gathering place for learning. The KIKM center has the latest I-Mac computers with dual platforms providing IMac and Microsoft programs for your project.

The center will be holding Basic Computer training during the summer. Extended Microsoft certifications are also available.

For more information and access to the learning center call Christy Schumann at 327-4325 - office.



Commercial Center Plan move Ahead

The La'i'opua 2020 Kulia I Ka Nu'u project for economic sustainability and self-sufficiency has provided L2020 with the initial funding sources to develop a plan to seek a partner in the development of its commercial center slated for planning & design within the next year.

Over the last several years, La'i'opua 2020 has been serving the La'i'opua homestead community to bring community programs and services directly to the homestead community and surrounding neighborhoods.

To ensure L2020's sustainability, the commercial/ retail center will provide a revenue stream to support L2020's capacity and to deliver the programs and services to the community. La'i'opua 2020 Board of Directors recently selected a developer to assist L2020 in the development of its commercial property.

La'i'opua 2020 has contacted a developer who has the capacity to finance and capitalize the project. L2020 will need to seek an attorney to draft our commercial agreements to maintain its 501C3 non-

profit status for the purpose of continuing with the development of the community center project slated to break ground by the end of this year.

L2020 has sought several attorneys to solicit legal assistance to comprehensively address the legal framework to conduct this business activity, while our goal is to preserve our non profit federal designation to continue the work of the community center development and promote the social, educational, recreational, medical,

and cultural services and programs.

La'i'opua 2020 Executive Director-Bo Kahui notes that this plan to build a commercial center will provide the necessary capacity and revenue stream for the long term future of the community center. "Its one thing to build it, but its a whole lot different to sustain the center" noted Bo Kahui.

Mahalo Nui Raymond Young

The Villages of La'i'opua Association Board would like to acknowledge Raymond Young for his dedication and commitment for keeping the cultural site on Ililoa Street clean and weed free.

The cultural site "Kalualapaula" located on Ililoa Street across the residence of Raymond Young is as distinctive as any other Hawaiian cultural site.

While little is known about the site, Raymond Young continues to serve our community and volunteers his time to keep the site beautiful and respectfully attractive..

Villages of La'i'opua Association Board recognizes and applauds Raymond Young for his contribution and dedication to serve this community by volunteering his time and service to keep our historical and cultural . Mahalo Raymond



*We,
the
VOL Board
appreciate your
volunteerism and
express how
beautiful and clean
the site is.....*

Got Email?

We, Villages of La'i'opua & L2020 Board would like to find ways to save on the newsletter cost & distribution. More important, the Board wants to keep you inform of the community affairs and community news.

**Send both of us your email at
info@Laiopua.org**

KCABoard@sandwichisles.net

Stay informed. Get the latest news. Find out what's happening on your street. Follow the community center development, and make announcements

Anyone Graduating?

Fire in empty lots

We, the Villages of La'i'opua Board would like to ask that homesteaders talk to their children about the dangers of playing with fire in the area. Two small brush fires have been found in the Village 4 area south of the subdivision.. There is great concern that this may result in a major fire that may harm homes as well as the Endangered Species Plant Preserve Area.

DHHL is going to start work on

a bid to have a fire break established, but this will take some time. In the meantime, the VOL Board ask that you talk to your children and family members to keep a watch out for loiters or suspicious activity that could lead to a disaster.

If you need to report any suspicious activity, call the police by dialing 911.

State Supreme Court Rule for DHHL

Today's ruling said the "political question" doctrine does not bar the beneficiaries from requesting sufficient funding for administrative and operating expenses.

The Hawaii Supreme Court ruled today that Native Hawaiian beneficiaries can press the state for sufficient money for administrative and operating expenses for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

But the high court said beneficiaries cannot press the state to give the department money for the development of the homestead lots.

Joshua Wisch, spokesman for the Attorney General's Office, said the decision is "largely a victory for the state." "With this ruling, the state and its taxpayers are shielded from potentially tens of millions of dollars in annual liability," he said.

But David Frankel, Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. attorney who represented Native Hawaiian beneficiaries, hailed the ruling as a "victory" for all

beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.

"The under funding or lack of funding has led to people dying on the wait list," he said.

The number of Native Hawaiians applicants waiting for residential, ranch and agriculture lots has been growing over the years from 5,300 in 1978 to 23,000 last year, Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. lawyers have said.

They said the department repeatedly had not asked the state for general funds over the past 30 years.

The high court issued a 47-page unanimous decision written by Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna.

The lawsuit by the beneficiaries seeking sufficient funding for the department had been dismissed by Circuit Judge Bert Ayabe.

He ruled that the funding issue is a "political question" that the courts cannot decide.

The Intermediate Court of Appeals last year reinstated the lawsuit. The state asked the high court to review the appeals court decision.

Today's ruling said the "political question" doctrine does not bar the beneficiaries from requesting sufficient funding for administrative and operating expenses.

But the doctrine bars the courts from determining what would be adequate funding for development of home, agriculture, aquaculture and farm lots, the ruling said.

Ken Kobayashi, SB

Manawalea Extension Work begins

Kamakana Villages, the 2,330-home mixed use affordable community in Keahuolu, held a blessing on April 16th to kickoff the first phase of roadwork to be done on the site.

Beginning in mid-May, Forest City's contractor Goodfellow Brothers will begin construction of the roadway which will bring Manawalea Rd up from the new Ane Keo-

hokalole Hwy into the Kamakana Villages community.

The road construction and extension will eventually connect to Keanulehu Drive to Ane Keohokalole and complete the mauka makai connection. Mauka neighboring communities will soon have another route to Kealahou high School and other businesses when the road thoroughfare opens.

La'i'opua Board Adopts Resolution for Queen Ka'ahuamanu Hwy.

The Village of La'i'opua Board at its regular scheduled Board meeting, adopted Resolution 05092012 to "support VOL Director- Craig Bo Kahui representing the Villages of La'i'opua to Consult with the Federal Highways Division and State Department of Transportation regarding the Queen Kaahumanu Highway National

Environment Protection Act 106 Consultation process. Following the review of #1 Draft list of the cultural and historical properties and correspondence related to issues of the archeological sites, the Board approved the resolution and accepted the recommendation of the "mitigation measures " provided by Cultural Surveys

Hawaii, archeologist.

Most important, the Board recognized the safety of our community as "paramount" and the highway expansion is necessary. The Board reviewed the information and had to balance the sites significance and the safety of our community members. Our members drive the highway daily and making the highway safe is our priority, Kahui noted .

Villages of La'i'opua Notices

West Hawaii Parks & Athletic Corp

In April 2011, Governor Abercrombie established the Regional Park formerly the proposed golf course below Village 5.

West Hawaii Parks & Athletic Corporation, a non-profit organization is seeking volunteers to help with the planning, design, and implementation of the Regional Park. Meetings are held every 1st Tuesday at the County Civic Center, Parks & Rec. Building. Call 327-1221 for more information

L2020 & Village Board Seeking Volunteers & Staff

The Villages of La'i'opua Board & La'i'opua 2020 Board are seeking the following positions to further our mission & goals:

Office Manager*
Board of Directors
Public & Community Relations
Grants Writers & Programmers*
IT/ Computer Technicians*
Web Designers*

If you are interested please contact
 Diana Akao at 327-1221 or send resume to diana.akao@laiopua.org
 (* Represents paid full or part-time positions)

\$58K in Back Dues

La'i'opua Board Treasurer Kapua Baker's financial report was reviewed by the Board. The Board was concerned of the high amount of dues in arrears.

The Board will institute processing notices to all lessees who are delinquent in their dues over 6 months.

The Board respectfully requests association members to make their payments before it becomes a bigger problem. For assistance contact the office at 355-8689 to process your payments.

Mahalo

Illegal & Abandon Vehicles

La'i'opua Board would like to inform the membership of illegal and abandon vehicles.

The Association rules require all vehicles have a proper vehicle registration certificate and safety check registration. Your vehicle shall be in compliance of the County vehicle registration ordinance for your vehicle to be valid and operational with in the Villages of La'i'opua.

The Board request your cooperation to properly register your vehicles. In addition, if your vehicle is inoperable, we seek your support to dispose of your vehicle to rid the community of abandon vehicles.

The Villages of La'i'opua Community Association Board would like to thank you for your cooperation and extends its assistance to its members. For assistance **call the office at 355-8689**

Side Walks & Common Areas

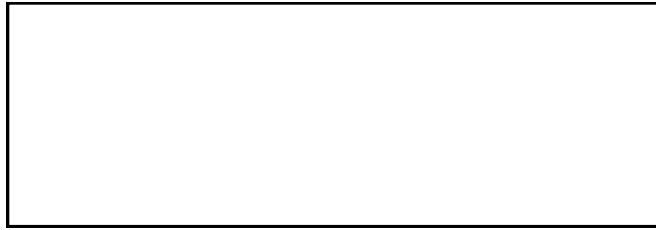
La'i'opua Board would like to remind our membership the need to keep our sidewalks clear of vehicles and personal items for the safety of our community.

The Board would like to express its appreciation to our members who keep their sidewalk manicured and clean. Our homestead association member's take pride in their community and hope that each of us can do its part to contribute to the beautification of our homestead community.

Please contact the Office at 355-8689 to report any violations.

Mahalo

*I've heard
 many times
 from family
 & visitors
 how
 different our
 homestead
 is compared
 to others.
 They say
 "lucky we
 live in
 La'i'opua"*



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La'i'opua 2020 & VOL promote CFL Bulb Exchange

The La'i'opua 2020 & the Board of the Villages of La'i'opua will be kicking off our CFL light bulb exchange program.

La'i'opua 2020 and the VOL Board has partnered with Blue Planet to do its part to bring energy savings to our membership. The purpose of the exchange program is to encourage people to save money and electricity by replacing old-style bulbs with new, efficient bulbs.

We will exchange your incandescent light bulbs for a CFL energy efficient bulb absolutely FREE!!!

La'i'opua 2020 and community association will get .50 cents for each old bulb collected. Monies raised will be determined by the VOL Board.

Contact the center office at 355-8689 or call 327-1221 and make the switch to start saving today!



Did you know that a CFL bulb uses 75% less energy than an incandescent bulb?

Facts & Benefits of CFLs:

- Energy Star-qualified CFLs use at least two-thirds less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer (average lifespan of a CFL is five years).
- CFLs save \$119 or more in energy costs in Hawaii over each bulb's lifetime.

CFLs generate 70% less heat, making them safer to operate. Where to use:

- To get more energy savings, replace bulbs where lights are on the most, such as the family and living rooms, kitchen, dining room and porch.
- Install them in hard to reach fixtures, like ceiling fans.

Make sure the CFL matches the right fixture by reading any restrictions on the package. Some CFLs work with dimmers, and others are specially made for recessed or enclosed fixtures.